Claims.

1. A dryer with a rotary drying drum, in particular a dryer for drying linen or the like, with a drive which at least consists of an electric motor coupled to the drying drum in order to move the drying drum in a rotating manner, wherein the above-mentioned electric motor consists of a motor with at least ten poles.

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- 2. The dryer according to claim 1, wherein the abovementioned electric motor has 12, 14, 16, 20 or 22 poles.
- 15 3. The dryer according to claim 1, wherein the abovementioned electric motor has eighteen poles.
 - 4. The dryer according to claim 1, wherein the drying drum is coupled to the shaft of the electric motor via a single transmission.
 - 5. The dryer according to claim 4, wherein the abovementioned transmission has a transmission ratio providing for a reduction, in particular such that the dryer has a lower rotational speed than the shaft of the above-mentioned electric motor.
 - 6. The dryer according to claim 4, wherein the transmission makes use of an endless transmission element, such as a belt or the like, which provides

for a direct transmission of the motor shaft to the drying drum shaft.

- 7. The dryer according to claims 4, wherein the above-mentioned electric motor consists of an asynchronous motor.
 - 8. The dryer according to claim 1, wherein the rotational speed of the dryer drum amounts to less than 50 revolutions per minute.
- 9. A dryer with a rotary drying drum, in particular a dryer for drying linen or the like, with a drive which at least consists of an electric motor coupled to the drying drum in order to move the drying drum in a rotating manner, wherein the drying drum is coupled to the shaft of the electric motor via a single transmission and wherein the electric motor is embodied such that, via this single transmission, is obtained a rotational speed in the drying drum of the usual order of magnitude, in particular a rotational speed of less than 100 revolutions per minute, better still less than 50 revolutions per minute.

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